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Board Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2016

TIME: 9:30 AM

PLACE: 1000 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02118

ATTENDANCE: Sally Kaitz, Chair
Melanie Robinson Findlay
Mark Gianino
Imari K. Paris Jeffries
Carla Saccone
Tere Ramos, Secretary

ABSENT: Frances Carpenter, Vice-Chair

STAFF: Erin LeBel, Executive Director
Erin Murphy, Program Coordinator
James O'Connor, Board Counsel

The meeting was called to order at 9:42 a.m. by Board Chair, Sally Kaitz.

Board Counsel, James O'Connor reviewed the emergency exit procedures with Board members.

9:45 Investigator E. D'Agostino enters

Minutes:

Imari K. Paris Jeffries motioned to accept the July 26, 2016 minutes pending an amendment to the language related to say that the Board will accept post-exam experience from K. Mulaney toward the LICSW requirements. The motion was seconded by Melanie Robinson Findlay and approved by the Board. T. Ramos abstained from the vote.

Investigative Conference:

At 9:55 a.m., Melanie Robinson Findlay moved to suspend the open meeting and go to into investigative conference pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 112, Section 65C, to discuss



SW-16-026, SA-SW-17-001, SW-16-030, SW-16-031 & SW-16-033. The motion was seconded by Tere Ramos and approved by the Board.

The Chair anticipated that the Board's open meeting would resume in approximately 1 hour.

For the record, while in Investigative Conference, the Board took the following action:

SW-16-026: Tabled

SA-SW-17-001: Dismiss

SW-16-030: Dismiss

SW-16-031: Invite Social Worker to next meeting

SW-16-033: Dismiss with Advisory

10:56 PM Return to Open Session

Closed Deliberative Session:

A motion was made at 10:56 PM by Tere Ramos to enter into Closed Deliberative Session pursuant to MGL. c. 30A, §18 to review the Facts and Findings of SW-15-020. This motion was seconded by Mark Gianino and accepted by the Board.

11:08 a.m. Return to Open Session

Executive Session:

A motion was made at 11:08 AM by Melanie Robinson Findlay to enter into Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30a, § 21 (a)(1) to meet with RT regarding her application for licensure. The motion was seconded by Mark Gianino and a roll call vote was taken with the following result: Sally Kaitz, yes; Mark Gianino, yes; Melanie Robinson-Findlay, yes; Imari K. Paris Jeffries, yes; Tere Ramos, yes; Carla Saccone, yes.

11:57 PM Return to Open Session, Tere Ramos leaves and Jonas Goldenberg enters.

Discussion:

1. The Board met with Mark Kriezis whose application for the LICSW did not meet the regulatory requirements as he did not demonstrate that he had been supervised at a rate of 1 hour per every 35 hours worked. The Board established that this applicant needs 27 additional weeks of appropriately supervised weeks to be eligible for licensure.
2. ESL accommodations – tabled
3. ASWB CE approvals - tabled
4. Imari K. Paris Jeffries will attend the ASWB annual meeting.
5. Meeting with EL – tabled
6. VV application request – tabled.
7. CE extension – tabled.

12:37 PM. Melanie Robinson Findlay motioned to adjourn this meeting. The motion was seconded by Mark Gianino and accepted by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Murphy, MSW, LICSW
Program Coordinator
for Teresita Ramos, Secretary

List of Documents:

July 26, 2016 minutes
MK application